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ARREST OF DR. HYDE

MUST ANSWER FOR DEATH OF MILLIONAIRE SWOPE.

**—Physician Pleads Not Guilty When
Arraigned — Preliminary Hearing
Set Down for February 17.**

As a climax to the lengthy investigation of the mysterious death of Col. Thomas H. Swope on October 3, 1909, Dr. B. C. Hyde, husband of the late millionaire's niece, was arrested in Kansas City, Mo., Thursday on the charge of murdering the aged philanthropist.

The warrant upon which the arrest was made was issued at the request of Attorney John G. Paxton, executor of the Swope estate. First degree murder is charged. The warrant says that Dr. Hyde with felonious intent administered strychnine to Col. Swope on the day of his death.

In a cross-examination of the complaint filed by Mr. Paxton asking for a warrant, Prosecutor Virgil Conkling wrote above his signature: "I hereby endorse this complaint."

Dr. Hyde surrendered quietly. He learned that a warrant was being sought and with his attorneys went to the prosecutor's office to await the return of Mr. Conkling. He submitted to arrest without demanding to hear the warrant read. The party went to Independence, Mo., where Dr. Hyde was arraigned before Justice W. F. Lear.

The physician pleaded not guilty. He was released on a bond of \$50,000. His preliminary hearing was set for February 17.

TO PRISON FOR FRAUD.

**Sugar Trust Employee Receives a Two-
Year Sentence.**

"The sugar trust made a scapegoat of me. It deserted me absolutely. It pounded and ruined me after I had served it faithfully for twenty-nine years."

Oliver Spitzer, former dock superintendent of the American Sugar Refining company's plant at Williamsburg, made the foregoing declaration Thursday after he had heard a sentence of two years in the Atlanta prison imposed on him by Justice Martin. Spitzer was convicted for conspiracy to defraud by underweighing sugar.

In broken tones Spitzer bitterly arraigned the sugar trust, saying:

"I started with the trust in 1880 as a boy and by industry worked my way, step by step, until I became superintendent of docks at Williamsburg. It has been reported that I was receiving big pay from the trust. As a matter of fact I got a salary of \$55 a week. The expense of this trial have cut into my savings and left me practically a ruined man."

"In the alleged fraud prosecution the government cried for a victim and the sugar trust answered by sacrificing me and four \$18 a week checkers. None of us was guilty of any breach of the law, but somebody had to go to prison to save those 'higher up.'"

FOR BIG LAND FRAUDS.

**Sixty-Four Defendants Are Arraigned
at Lander, Wyo.**

Sixty-four defendants in alleged coal land frauds against the government appeared Thursday before the United States land office in Lander, Wyo., in cases which have been brought by the government for the cancellation of their titles to coal lands, which are said to be the most valuable in the state. The cases involve 9,500 acres of land lying in the mineral district north of Lander, and have been appraised by government experts at a value of nearly \$1,500,000.

The government alleges that these lands were sold upon by "dummy" entries for the benefit of the Owl Creek Coal company and the North-western Coal company, which are controlled largely by New York capitalists. The two companies are reported to be associated with the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy railroad.

The cases are commonly known as the Gebo coal land fraud cases, as Samuel W. Gebo, George W. Daly, Rufus P. Ireland and others were alleged to be instrumental in securing the titles to the lands involved.

The cases have been under investigation by federal land agents for three years and various actions have been brought in court.

Sioux City Live Stock Market.

Thursday's quotations on the Sioux City live stock market follow: Top hogs, \$6.20. Top hogs, \$8.55.

Big Fire at Lancaster, Pa.

A fire which threatened the business center of Lancaster, Pa., Thursday caused damage estimated at \$400,000. It started with an explosion, presumably of gunpowder in a hardware store.

Eggs Drop at Cleveland.

Storage eggs have vanished from the Cleveland market and the price of fresh eggs has dropped from 28 cents a dozen wholesale ten days ago to 26 1/2 cents.

DR. HYDE IS BLAMED.

Millionaire Swope Died of Strychnine Poison.

Col. Thomas H. Swope came to his death by reason of strychnine administered in a capsule by Dr. B. C. Hyde, husband of the millionaire's niece, according to a verdict of the coroner's jury in Independence, Mo., Wednesday.

Whether the drug was administered with felonious intent, the jury said in its verdict it was unable to determine. The jury was out but little more than an hour. The greater part of this time was devoted to discussing the case. But one ballot was necessary to agree upon a verdict.

Although there were numerous and hurried consultations between attorneys for the state and Dr. Hyde and his legal advisers and rumors regarding probable prosecution were plentiful Wednesday night, the case stands just as it did when the coroner's jury returned its verdict.

Prosecutor Virgil Conkling refused to discuss his plans for the future. He said positively, however, that he would confer with his associates in the prosecutor's office before he took any action.

The suit that Dr. Hyde has pending against Attorney John G. Paxton, Dr. Frank Hall and Dr. Edward L. Stewart for damages for \$600,000 for alleged libel will be dismissed if Dr. Hyde is pressed for depositions in the case now specified. It is expected that the deposition contest which waged so fiercely last week will begin anew, now that the coroner's inquest is over.

BIG FIRE IN BOSTON.

**Beef Supply of City Menaced by the
Flames.**

Boston's beef supply was nearly "cornered" by a fire which destroyed approximately half a million dollars worth of property at the Brighton stock yards early Wednesday.

The fire is thought to have originated in the engine room of the New England Rendering company's building, connected with the Brighton abattoir on North Market street. The blaze spread to the cattle shed of the Boston Packing company within a few minutes and threatened for a time to wipe out the entire abattoir plant, which covers nearly twenty acres of ground.

By hard work the firemen succeeded in confining the flames to the building of the rendering company and the cattle shed.

SIX MEN KILLED BY EXPLOSION.

**Believed to Have Run Into Gas Pocket,
Which Lamps Ignited.**

An explosion in mine No. 1, of the Stearns Coal company, at Stearns, Ky., Wednesday killed six men outright. It is thought the victims ran into a pocket of gas, which ignited when it came in contact with their lamps.

None of the other workers in the mine were injured. The explosion took place in one of the innermost recesses of the workings, and expended its force upon the men in the immediate vicinity. The hoisting machinery was not damaged and no difficulty was experienced in recovering the bodies.

Hits at Slave Products.

Cocoa, which is made by slaves, should not be allowed entry into this country, is the opinion of Representative Cocks, of New York, who has offered a resolution authorizing the president of the United States to refuse entry to that product under those conditions.

Big Fire in Mexico City.

Fire Wednesday in the yards of the central branch of the National Railways of Mexico at Mexico City, destroyed property valued at \$150,000 gold. A number of loaded box cars and a gas plant that cost \$45,000 were destroyed.

Children Burn to Death.

While Mr. and Mrs. James Elberger, prominent residents of McCluskey, N. D., were attending a funeral in a nearby church Wednesday, their two sons, Arthur, aged 6, and Willie, aged 2 years, were burned to death in a fire which destroyed their home.

Tragic End of a Girl.

Miss Mary Irene Ryan, of Masonville, seven miles west of Manchester, Ia., burned to death Thursday evening from using kerosene to start an embering coal fire. The girl was 13 years old, the daughter of Thomas Ryan, a prominent stock buyer and grain feeder.

Weavers Return to Work.

As agreed at the meeting of the weavers Friday night, the 300 persons who had been out on a strike, returned to their machines in the Northville, Mass. cotton mills of the S. Slater Sons corporation Monday.

Robbers Blow a Safe.

Robbers blew open the safe of the State bank at Wister, Okla., Sunday, and escaped with \$1,740 in cash and \$900 worth of school warrants. Citizens heard the explosion, but were afraid to interfere with the robbers.

Is Named by Taft.

The president sent to the senate Wednesday the nomination of Grant P. Trent, of Tennessee, to be an associate justice of the supreme court of the Philippine islands.

Roosevelt's Friend Named.

Seth Bullock, of South Dakota, an intimate friend of former President Roosevelt, was Wednesday confirmed by the senate for another term as United States marshal.

PEARY GIVEN \$10,000.

**Pole Finder Handed a Check by Gov.
Hughes.**

Before an audience of more than 4,000 persons in the Metropolitan opera house, in New York, Tuesday, Commander Peary, discoverer of the north pole, was presented with a \$10,000 check, on behalf of the citizens of New York, but instead of retaining it for himself, the commander announced immediately that it would be contributed towards the south pole expedition as planned by the National Geographic society. The check was presented to the commander by Gov. Hughes, of New York, as the first national testimonial to the explorer's honor. Accepting the gift, Peary advanced to the front of the stage and said:

"Here is a check for \$10,000. This check will be deposited tomorrow as a joint contribution of the members of the audience, the officers and committee of the civic forum and myself toward an American Antarctic expedition for the purpose of exploration and scientific investigation and to enter the stars and stripes in a splendid, manly, international race for the south pole with our British cousins, than whom there are no finer foemen in the world."

The audience which greeted the commander was representative and enthusiastic. The gathering was held under the auspices of the civic forum. President Taft telegraphed that he was sorry he was unable to attend, but said he sincerely hoped that "congress would take some substantial notice of the great achievement of Commander Peary."

America has decided to seek for south pole laurels, similar to those won for her by Commander Peary at the north pole. The National Geographic society Tuesday resolved to send an expedition in search of the south pole, provided the necessary funds can be raised. It is not believed there will be any lack on this score. Commander Peary was notified immediately of the action.

MEAT SOARING IN NEW YORK.

**In some Cases Prices Are Higher Than
Before Anti-Meat Agitation.**

Meat prices were higher than ever in New York City Tuesday. Dropping for a time while the agitation for elimination of meat from the diet was fresh, quotations, both wholesale and retail, have mounted to figures equal to and in some cases above those prevailing before the movement began. Indications are, prominent dealers said Tuesday, that still higher prices are coming.

Increased demand accounts for some of the tendency to advance. The retailers attribute this increase to the cold weather. Short supplies are believed by wholesalers to have more to do with it than anything else. They believe the agitation has "blown up."

EPIDEMIC OF DISEASE.

**Stomach and Bowel Trouble at Peoria
Laid to Embalmed Beef.**

Health Commissioner Rex Sholl, of Peoria, Ill., has ordered an immediate investigation as the result of what is declared to be widespread epidemic of stomach and bowel trouble, the cause of which is thought to be embalmed beef. Dr. Sholl was in conference with seven physicians recently who expressed their confidence that the beef was the cause.

These seven physicians have forty-seven cases in charge. Dr. Sholl estimates that there are at least 2,000 cases of stomach or bowel illness in the city at present.

To Make Peary a Rear Admiral.

A bill making Commander Robert E. Peary, U. S. N., discoverer of the north pole, a rear admiral was passed by the United States senate Wednesday. Indications are that the measure will also receive the approval of the house.

For Giant Chicago Subway.

A plan to relieve Chicago's congested traffic system by the construction of a 90-mile subway was believed to have been furthered when it was announced that Myron J. Arnold had been appointed the city's subway engineer to prepare plans.

One Killed in Week.

One employee was killed and two others injured Tuesday when a north-bound passenger train on the Southern railway struck an open switch at Waddy, Ky., and crashed into a freight train.

Mayor Gaynor, of New York, would abolish personal taxes in New York state. In a letter he suggests public hearings on the subject with a view to remedial legislation.

Seven Locomotives Burn.

Seven locomotives and several cars at the roundhouse of the Bessemer and Lake Erie railroad were destroyed by fire at Greenville, Pa., Tuesday. Loss, \$200,000.

Prominent Elk Expires.

A brief illness of lung trouble caused the death of C. E. Williams, of Piqua, O., widely known in connection with the Order of Elks, of which organization he was grand tyler.

NEBRASKA STATE NEWS

Doings of the Week
in Condensed Form

KINKADERS TAKING PATENTS.

**Homesteaders Who Filed Five Years
Ago Now Making Final Proof.**

Numerous homesteaders who filed under the Kinkaid one-section law several years ago, are now making five-year proof on their claims. The increase in value of real estate since settlement was made has made many of the claims more valuable than was hoped for at the time of filing, and many of the settlers have reason to rejoice because of having taken up claims. There are numerous homesteads, however, that are good for little else than grazing, while portions of many of the sections can be used for farm lands. It is surmised that within a few years much of the land will be embraced in large ranches. Not a few of those who homesteaded in western Nebraska under the Kinkaid law are pretty well used to wandering around in new countries and other goals will be taken them on in time.

Some prosperous localities have been developed in the last five years by the "Kinkaiders" and country stores, churches and schools tend to give an air of modernity to what a few years ago was a wilderness and the home of the coyote and sand lizard. Star mail routes now thread the prairies and the settlers are looking for every convenience that can be handily mustered. Though there are settlers who have had a hard time, have been set back by hail storms and drought, have been "up against it" in various ways, many are prosperous and getting a start of stock and have produce to exchange for coin of the realm and the necessities of life.

* KENDALL'S DEATH BY SUICIDE.

**Note in Pocket of Man Found Dead at
Union Clears Mystery.**

Later developments following the investigation of the death of Robert Kendall, of Union, whose body was found in his barn Monday evening, prove conclusively that it was a case of suicide. Sheriff Quinton and Coroner Clemens went to the farm Tuesday night and held inquest, the verdict being that Mr. Kendall came to his death by his own hand.

An examination of the body brought to light a small book in his coat pocket, and in the book he had written a note stating that on account of ill health he took this method of ending his life. There is no suspicion whatever of any foul play. It is now known that Mr. Kendall's health has been rapidly failing, although he had said little about it. He had no financial or family trouble, being owner of a large amount of land and personal property. He has a wife and three children to whom he was devoted. He was a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen and the funeral will probably be conducted by that order.

WOMAN WAS BADLY BURNED.

**Clothing Caught Fire When Too Weak
to Fight Flames.**

Mrs. Jennie Johnson, an old lady who has been making her home with Mr. and Mrs. John Griffin in West Beatrice, was probably fatally burned Sunday afternoon at the Griffin home. During the absence of the Griffins, her clothing caught fire from a stove in the kitchen. Being weak she was incapable of helping herself and her predicament was discovered by the 8-year-old son of the Griffins, who extinguished the flames with a bucket of water.

Mrs. Johnson was removed to a local hospital, where it was ascertained that she had been frightfully burned on her right leg from the hip down. She is 68 years of age and in a weakened condition. It is thought she can not recover.

Appeals Case Again.

Harry Vertress, of Union, who was awarded damages of \$100 by a jury in district court for injuries sustained by the collapse of a county bridge, filed a motion asking for a new trial. He alleges, among other things, that the verdict of \$100 is wholly inadequate to compensate him for the injuries sustained. This case, which has been three times tried in district court and twice taken to the supreme court, has cost the county about \$1,500 for legal talent and additional court costs.

The committee appointed by the county board of York to make an estimate of expenses for the year brought in a report amounting to over \$60,000. This does not include school taxes. The largest item is \$22,500 for bridges. \$5,000 for court and jail and \$3,000 for books and stationery.

Schools Are Closed.

Owing to the prevalence of scarlet fever and diphtheria the Sutherland schools have been ordered closed for a period of two weeks, while church services, entertainments, etc., will be discontinued.

York Man Dies on Train.

While enroute to York D. C. Westfall died on the Norfolk passenger while the train was between Tarnov and Platte Center.

BOOSTS FARM TOPICS.

**Thinks Farm Subjects Should be
Taught in Schools.**

W. R. Mellor, secretary to the state board of agriculture, has an idea that people are moving from the farms into the cities because of the lack of agricultural education taught in the schools.

Mr. Mellor got an opportunity to present his ideas to a number of school people and others, making up an audience of 400 at Hebron last week. Along these lines he said:

"One of the best incentives for improved agriculture in Nebraska would be to turn from dead books, dead general 'Ages Italy' subjects, and improve upon the minds of the school teacher the advisability of having the pupils prepare essays on 'Weeds that Grow in Thayer County and the Best Method of Destroying Them,' 'Root Crops, Their Selection and Use,' 'What Vegetables Should Be Grown, and Why,' 'Description of Grain Grown on Our Farm,' 'How to Tell Different Kinds of Fruit Trees,' 'What Varieties of Apples We Grow, with Description,' 'Why the Kind of Poultry Raised on Our Farm is the Best,' 'Is the Dairy Cow or the Beef Breed Type the Best for This Section of Nebraska,' 'The Kind of a Farm Horse We Should Have.' To these subjects might be added a thousand others touching seeds, preparation of the seed bed, planting, cultivation, conservation of moisture, soil fertility, gathering and storing the crops and numerous other farm subjects."

"Get a score card for live stock and teach the pupils how to judge the good qualities from animals exhibited before them at specific intervals. Learn to distinguish breeds of horses, how to tell Shorthorn cattle from Red Polled, Aberdeen-Angus from Galloway, a Poland-China hog from a Berkshire, a Southdown sheep from an Oxford and so on through the numerous vital matters of importance with which the farmers of Thayer county should be thoroughly conversant."

"It is strange that a child grown in an agricultural community such as we found all through this part of Nebraska, knows so little about the very things which are matters of every day contact."

MAY CUT PRICES.

**Nebraska Merchants to Consider Plan
at Meeting in Omaha.**

Retail merchants of Nebraska have called a meeting to consider co-operative methods for reducing fixed charges; losses on bad accounts and produce which are costing a sum annually added to the price of the necessities of life—and here alone is a saving which, the merchants themselves say, will affect the high prices and have a tendency to bring them to lower levels.

Fred Diers, of Madison, heads the movement and the meeting will be held in the near future in Omaha. More than 2,000 merchants in Nebraska are now being invited to attend and Omaha business men will entertain the entire party.

ASKS \$10,000 DAMAGES.

Mrs. Stark, of Norfolk, Claims Her Affections Were Wrecked.

Mrs. Minnie Stark, of Norfolk, has filed suit against Julius Huhl, a prominent politician of Pierce county, for \$10,000 damages for alleged breach of promise.

While Mrs. Stark was keeping house for Huhl at Pierce, he, she claims, promised to marry her. While she was absent, Huhl slipped away and married Miss Gracie Bertz, of Hoskins.

Losers Millions on Corn Crop.

Grain dealers and elevator agents in all parts of the state are predicting big losses for Nebraska farmers on the 1909 corn crop. The bulk of the yield was snowed under by the severe December storms and the resumption of the pick, made possible by the recent thawing weather, disclosed serious damage.

Omaha Firm Lands Contract.

The Baker Ice Machine company, of Omaha, landed the contract to place an ice machine in the Lincoln asylum for the insane. The contract price is \$2,985, while the appropriation was \$4,000. An eastern firm bid against the Omaha concern.

Poultry Plant at Falls City.

A large poultry plant employing from twenty-five to 100 men, is soon to move to Falls City from Atchison.

Enumerators Scare.

Although 12 men are required to take the census of Wayne county, only five took the examination at Wayne Saturday afternoon. Reports from neighboring counties show that they did no better than Wayne.

Bank Robber Placed on Trial.

The trial of Harry Joyce, one of the alleged Hadar bank robbers, began at Pierce Monday. Morrison, his pal, was convicted and sent to the penitentiary a few weeks ago.

The Week in Congress

The Senate devoted the greater part of Thursday to consideration of the postal savings bank bill, agreeing to several amendments. The Lodge price of food investigation resolution was reported from the committee on finance, and the fact that it received so much more prompt attention than the resolution of Senator Elkins on the same subject was interpreted by the West Virginia Senator as a discrimination against him. He made a speech complaining seriously of the treatment and asserting that it was intended to protect the trusts and the tariff against the inquiry. The House passed the agricultural appropriation bill, carrying appropriations aggregating nearly \$13,500,000, a net increase of over \$400,000 over last year, this increase being chiefly for the forest service, made necessary by the addition to the national forests of 26,522,439 acres. Consideration of the diplomatic and consular appropriation bill was begun.

In the Senate Friday Mr. McCumber of North Dakota delivered a prepared argument to prove that the farmer does not obtain his due share of the prices paid for food products. Mr. Heyburn of Idaho concluded his speech in opposition to the postal savings bank bill. On account of the death of Representative Lovering of Massachusetts the Senate adjourned earlier than usual and for the first time this session failed to adjourn on Saturday. Practically no business was transacted in the House and an early adjournment was taken because of the death of Mr. Lovering.

The Senate gave the greater part of the day Saturday to the question of constitutionality of the extradition of criminals from one State to another in cases in which the prosecution is according to the process of "information." No action was taken. The postal savings bank bill was also up for a time. The only important action taken was on a bill opening to settlement the unallotted lands in the Pine Ridge Indian reservation in South Dakota. Early in the day Senator Aldrich reported from the Committee on Public Expenditures a bill creating a permanent commission for the regulation of methods of government expenditure. He failed to obtain the unanimous consent asked to have the measure acted upon, Senator Elkins objecting. The House was not in session.

In the Senate Monday Senator Heyburn bitterly opposed a loan of tents by the government for use at the annual encampment of Confederate veterans at Mobile, Ala., next April and strongly condemned the acceptance by Congress of a statue of Robert E. Lee as a contribution from Virginia to Statuary Hall in the capitol. The bill was passed unanimously except for Mr. Heyburn's vote. Mr. Rayner in a speech attacked the constitutionality of the proposed postal savings banks law. The Senate passed a dozen bills for the establishment of fish hatchery stations in various parts of the country. The President's federal incorporation bill was introduced in the House and was opposed by Representative Garrett, of Tennessee, on the ground of unconstitutionality. The House devoted two and a half hours to a discussion of one of its rules recently adopted for the purpose of facilitating business.

The postal savings bank bill and the bureau of forestry were under discussion in the Senate Tuesday. The public expenditures committee was also taken up in debate, some Senators seeing a possible interference with the regular committees because of the comprehensive powers given the public expenditures committee. "Joy rides," wine and other personal extravagances of living were charged against the immigration committee in the House by Mr. Macon, of Arkansas, in discussing the expenses contracted by the commission on its trip to Europe last summer. Tariff and high prices were debated by Mr. Henry, of Texas, and Mr. Boutwell, of Illinois.

FROM FAR AND NEAR.

Earthquakes were felt at Imperial Valley points in California. No damage is reported.

Fire destroyed the First Church of Christ, Scientist, at Kansas City. The loss is estimated at \$75,000.

Fire destroyed the mill building of Wasp mine No. 2 at Lead, S. D. The loss is \$97,000; insurance, \$25,000.

Speaking at a Tokyo dinner, Baron Shibusawa asserted that two-thirds of American prestige was due to the character of the people, and he said he was especially impressed with the important part played by the Y. M. C. A. By a majority of 84 in a vote of 6,584 prohibition was defeated at a local option election in Joplin, Mo. Women served free lunch at the polls.

Candidacy of Congressman Butler Ames for the United States Senate to succeed Senator Henry Cabot Lodge was formally announced in Boston.

Informing by the "Answers to Correspondents" department of a psychic magazine that he was due to die on Thursday at midnight, John Wingo, aged 35, of Cleveland, vanished at that time in his night clothes and has not since been seen.

AGREEMENT WITH GERMANY.

**Commercial War Averted and Deeds
Opened for Other Settlements.**

By the tariff agreement with Germany announced the other day the United States has not only avoided a commercial war with the empire, but has paved the way for a settlement of the differences existing with France and Canada.

It seems certain now, that the business interests of the United States may look forward to a period of peace in the commercial relations of the country. To obtain this result, Secretary Knox and his advisers in the State Department, as well as the tariff board, were compelled to abandon their demands for concessions on American live cattle and meat products and for the modification of the German customs rules governing drawback of duty allowed on flour when exported from Germany.

A promise was obtained, however, that the German government would discuss these matters diplomatically with the United States. As German goods now will enjoy the benefit of minimum rates of duty, the French government must seek like treatment for its products, many of which compete with those of Germany. Otherwise the market here will be lost to them.

If an arrangement be made with France as expected American goods will enter French territory upon precisely the same grounds as those of other foreign countries. This will mean that the Franco-Canadian reciprocity treaty will be of small benefit to Canada, and the latter probably will decide, in view of the circumstances, to accord to American imports treatment equivalent to that offered to those of France.

ELEVEN DIE IN MINE BLAST.

**Gas Explodes in Pennsylvania Coal
Workings—110 Held Prisoners.**

One American and ten Hungarians furnished the death toll of a gas explosion the other day in No. 3 slope of the Ernest mine of the Jefferson and Clearfield Coal Company, five miles north of Indiana, Pa. The explosion occurred in a heading where twelve workmen were located, and one of these, Andrew Krasser, escaped by crawling a quarter of a mile on his stomach to evade the noxious gases. His inability to speak English prevented a lucid explanation of the cause of the explosion. Some of the dead were found near the entrance to the heading, others lay along the track at short distances from each other, almost at the face of the coal. Two bodies nearest the face were burned slightly about the face and arms. The position of the bodies showed the men had made desperate efforts to crawl away from the heading. One hundred and ten men working in the same slope escaped through other headings of the mine, although they were held back for about ten hours by the black damp until a rescue party of twelve mine bosses reached them.

TRUST IN BREAKFAST FOODS?

**Cereal Manufacturers Plan to Form
a Holding Company.**

Several of the largest cereal manufacturers in the country plan to form a holding company to take over the big factories, thus forming a trust in breakfast foods. It is understood that while some details remain to be adjusted, the deal is practically closed. The following concerns will probably be in the combine, according to the report: The Northwestern Cereal and Milling Company; the Frum Wheat Food and Milling Company; the Minnesota Cereal and Milling Company; the Malta Vita Food Company of Battle Creek, Mich.; the Pettiford Pure Food Company; and the Iowa plants of the United Cereal Company of Chicago. It was further declared that seven white flour mills in Minneapolis would be in the merger and that two of the large bakery concerns of that city would also be included.

CONSEQUENCE OF BIG PRICES.

**High Cost of Living in New York
Cause of Suicides.**

Effects of the increased cost of living upon the working classes are shown in the largely expanded number of applications to the city of New York, for aid as disclosed in figures made public the other day. The rising tide of inability to make income keep pace with living expenses is indicated in the fact that during the last twelve months more than 60,000 persons sought relief from the charities department, an increase of more than 30 per cent in five years. There were 32,995 applications in 1904. In seven years, the number of persons seeking shelter in the city lodging house has increased until last year 102,400 persons applied, an increase of more than 100 per cent for the period. From 112 in 1906, the daily average has risen